

Case Western Reserve University, and a member of the Board of Overseers at Cleveland-Marshall Law School.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Judge John M. Manos. Please also join me as I offer my deep condolences to his companion Gloria Donahue; to his sons, Michael and Keith; to his daughters, Donna and Christine; to his son-in-law, Patrick; to his 12 grandchildren; and to his extended family members and many friends. Although he will be greatly missed, his steadfast devotion to family and friends and unwavering focus on legal equality and justice highlighted his life, and his memory and impact will live on within the hearts of his family and friends, today and for all time, and he will never be forgotten.

HONORING MRS. MARILYN PINSKY'S RETIREMENT AS COMMISSIONER OF THE ONONDAGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF AGING AND YOUTH

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 11, 2006*

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mrs. Marilyn Pinsky. On June 30, 2006 Mrs. Pinsky retired as commissioner of the Department of Aging and Youth for Onondaga County, NY. Mrs. Pinsky's career with Onondaga County spanned over 35 years, starting in the Data Processing Department in 1971. She has worked her way up to commissioner of the Department of Aging and Youth, where she has ably served since 1993.

Mrs. Pinsky is a graduate of Syracuse University and earned a masters of public administration from the Maxwell School. She is a member of many community boards, including the Central New York Community Foundation, Success by Six Policy Council, and the Board of Visitors of the Syracuse University College of Human Services and Health Professions. She is a past president of the Interreligious Council of Central New York, and was a member of the boards of the Syracuse Symphony, Syracuse Stage, and the Freedom Trail Commission. She has been a dedicated employee, leader, and mother.

She is a recipient of the Temple Adath Citzien of the Year Award, a Post-Standard Woman of Achievement, the Hannah G. Solomon Award and the New York State Intergenerational Network Award, among others.

Mrs. Pinsky's service has made a lasting positive impact upon my hometown community. Most recently, she spearheaded an effort in Onondaga County to educate and assist in enrolling area seniors in the new Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Program. For its efforts, her department recently received commendation from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Mrs. Pinsky's dedication, knowledge and leadership are unparalleled and much appreciated. I wish her well in retirement and thank her for a job well done.

TRIBUTE TO CRANBERRY TOWNSHIP

HON. MELISSA A. HART

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 11, 2006*

Ms. HART. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Cranberry Township and the celebration of Community Day on the 4th of July 2006.

Cranberry Township's Community Day began over 100 years ago and as a celebration of the United States' Bicentennial in 1976. The events of this celebration included a parade, musket shoot, battle of the barrels contest, bonfire, sing-along, and fireworks.

Cranberry Township's Annual Community Day has evolved into an opportunity to highlight a number of local non-profit organizations. It has continued to grow and change to include, not only non-profits, but also businesses and vendors throughout the region. The annual festivity has expanded to include over 100 booths, activities, and events throughout the entire Cranberry Community Park with over 20,000 people attending.

I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in honoring these courageous soldiers on this day of Independence. It is an honor to represent the Fourth Congressional District of Pennsylvania and a pleasure to salute these great Americans.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DR. CHARLES "CHARLIE" RUGGEROLI

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 11, 2006*

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Dr. Charles "Charlie" Ruggeroli, who passed away on Saturday, June 24, 2006.

Charlie was a lifetime resident of Southern Nevada, a 12-letter man at Bishop Gorman, in football, basketball, and baseball. He would later watch his four sons play football and basketball at Bishop Gorman during the late 1970s and early 1980s. Charlie went on to the University of San Francisco on a basketball scholarship and subsequently earned his medical degree from Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska. Charlie served in the Air Force and did residencies in Northern California before returning to Las Vegas to open his practice in 1974 and joining the staff at Valley Hospital.

No matter how busy Charlie was, he always took the time to explain everything to his patients and make sure all their questions were answered. In over 30 years of medical practice, his patients included Elvis Presley and Sugar Ray Leonard. Charlie also served on the Nevada State Athletic Commission.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor the life of Dr. Charles "Charlie" Ruggeroli. He will be greatly missed by the community.

CONGRATULATING JAMES SETTLES, JR. ON HIS ELECTION TO THE UAW VICE PRESIDENCY

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 11, 2006*

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, on June 14, 2006, James Settles Jr. was elected first vice president of the United Automobile Workers International Union at its 34th Constitutional Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada. My colleagues, today I rise to honor this fellow Detroit on his elevation to the post and wish him the best of luck in his new position. While James is joining the union's national leadership at a critical juncture in its history I believe he has the necessary motivation and determination to guide the UAW into a prosperous future.

In some ways one could argue that James Settles, Jr. was a born labor leader. A third generation Ford Motor Company employee and son of James Settles, Sr., a well-known Detroit civil rights activist and labor leader, Settles' involvement with the UAW began in 1968, when he joined Local 600 after being hired at Ford's Dearborn Iron Foundry and Michigan Casting Center.

Just two years later, in 1970, he was elected to the General Council of Local 600 and in 1973 he was elected District Committeeman and Unit Recording Secretary. Over the next decade, he served in a variety of union posts and as a delegate to three UAW conventions. In 1982, he took a staff position at Local 600 and later was elected its first vice president in 1987.

As James Settles earned the respect and loyalty of his UAW brothers and sisters he has quickly and continuously risen through the UAW ranks. In 1992 he was first appointed to UAW International Staff and in 2002 he was elected director of Region 1A.

Having been a member of the UAW-Ford National Negotiating Committee since 1990, Mr. Settles brings a good deal of contract negotiating experience to the post of Vice President. This experience is especially important today given the current attack many workers are seeing on their collectively bargained contracts.

I firmly believe that this expertise will help him in his job of overseeing several of the national organizations that operate in conjunction with the UAW and the over 115,000 technical and professional workers he will represent. These workers come from all across the country from a range of industries and professions, including the healthcare industry, individual universities and university systems, an array of professional service and non-profit agencies. 20,000 of these workers are employed by the State of Michigan.

While Mr. Settles is a prominent leader in the UAW, his involvement in the community extends far beyond the factory walls. James is active in a wide range of community and civic organizations. He is a member of the Detroit-Wayne County Board of Authority, the Trade Union Leadership Council, the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists and a Life member of the NAACP. He serves on the boards of the Henry Ford Community College Employment and Training Development Center, the Detroit Public School Compact Association at